

cure of many of the afflictions of our body's first line of defense.

Dr. Livingood was born in Elverson, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Ursinus College in 1932. He began his career in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine, completing his residency in dermatology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Livingood later served his country in the U.S. Army as part of the Army's Medical Corps, where he co-wrote the Manual of Dermatology. This book is still used by both military and civilian physicians as a guide for the diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases.

Dr. Livingood was widely honored for his skill as a dermatologist. He was elected as Director of the American Board of Dermatology in 1962 and served as the Executive Director of the American Board of Dermatology for more than 20 years. He was Chair and Professor of the Department of Dermatology at Jefferson Medical College Hospital from 1948–1949, Chairman and Professor of the Department of Dermatology at the University of Texas in Galveston from 1949–1953, and established the Department of Dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan in 1953, serving as its Chairman until 1976, when he became Chairman Emeritus.

Some of the many honors bestowed upon Dr. Livingood include being the only dermatologist to receive the highest honor from the American Medical Association—"The Distinguished Service Award," and also received the Gold Medal from the American Academy of Dermatology. He also received World Series rings for serving as the doctor to the Detroit Tigers.

Predeceased by his wife, Louise, Dr. Livingood is survived by his five children, Bill (Mari Louise); Louise (William) Furbush, Susan Elizabeth (John) Cotton; Clarence (Nancy); and eleven grand children and two great grand children. I would be remiss if I did not mention that Dr. Livingood is the father to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, Bill Livingood, who continued his excellent service to the protection of Members of Congress, dignitaries and visitors to the People's House despite the tragedy that befell two of his colleagues on July 24, 1998.

Funeral services will be held in Christ Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe on Saturday, August 1, 1998. The Livingood Family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Edward A. Krull Chair of Dermatologic Surgery, Office of Philanthropy, One Ford Place, Detroit, Michigan.

My personal prayers for peace and love go to the Livingood family. Your father served the people of the 15th Congressional District, the State of Michigan, and our country well. May he rest in peace. Amen.

THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION, ERODING THE CHOICES AND RIGHTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, for almost 4 years, the World Trade Organization has been eroding the choices and the rights of the American people.

Like a leach feeding off its member countries, the WTO has been increasing

its power at the expense of U.S. sovereignty.

Self-determination is now subordinate to the decisions of trade bureaucrats meeting in secret at Geneva headquarters of the WTO, invalidating and mandating changes in existing laws passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by the U.S. President.

Exactly how are the interests of the American people represented by unelected foreign nationals working in an ivory tower debating our commercial agreements?

U.S. priorities should not be held hostage to the decisions of the WTO. I urge my colleagues to support the Kucinich, Sanders, Ros-Lehtinen and Stearns amendment when the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill comes to the floor, because the American people, through their elected representatives, can determine for themselves what our U.S. laws should be and not a foreign bureaucrat.

CABBAGE REGULATIONS EXCEED THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS IN WORDS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Lord's prayer is 66 words. The Gettysburg Address is 286 words. The Declaration of Independence is 1,322 words. U.S. regulations on the sale of cabbage, that is right cabbage, is 27,000 words.

Now that is not enough to give Hulk Hogan's dictionary a hernia. Check this out. Regulatory red tape in America costs taxpayers \$400 billion every year, over \$4,000 each year, every year, year in, year out, for every family. Beam me up. With regulations like this, it is no wonder American jobs keep moving overseas.

Mr. Speaker, I want to yield back all of the reg writing bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. that never stood in an unemployment line.

PROTECT UNITED STATES FROM NUCLEAR MISSILE ATTACK

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the events of last week simply underscore the fact that we live in a dangerous and unpredictable world.

Not only must America respond to local threats, but we must also continue our vigilance to protect our Nation from foreign threats, threats that strike at the heart of this Nation, our very freedom.

Time after time, we have been told by the administration that no rogue nation is capable of deploying a nuclear tip or chemical missiles that could strike the American soil by the year 2010.

However, the Rumsfeld panel, a distinguished panel which had access to

our national security, just released a sobering, independent assessment of the ballistic missile threat facing the U.S.

That panel concluded that North Korea and Iran will have the ability to build a long-range nuclear missile by the turn of the century, not more than 2 years away. Last week's successful intermediate range ballistic test by Iran validates the Rumsfeld panel's finding.

Iran sent a chilling message to their neighbors and the world that they can strike anywhere in the Middle East with their current technology.

The time has come for this Congress and this administration to focus on building and deploying an antimissile defense system to protect the United States from missile attack. Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve no less.

ADOPT-A-VOICE OF CONSCIENCE IN VIETNAM

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, a new struggle has started. It is the war against poverty, backwardness, and arbitrariness. In this new struggle, there can be only one winner, the nation and the people of Vietnam, and only one loser, the forces of dogmatism, arbitrariness, and backwardness. So wrote Professor Doan Viet Hoat in his essay entitled "The True Nature of Contemporary Vietnam."

After the article was circulated, he was arrested and sentenced to 20 years in jail for attempting to overthrow the government. Professor Hoat's case is but one of the many similar instances of government persecution in Vietnam.

For these reasons, the founding members of the Congressional Dialogue on Vietnam have established a campaign to bring attention to the human rights violations in Vietnam. We need to generate pressure for the release of all these prisoners from prison or house arrest.

We need to focus public attention on Vietnam's repression against freedom of expression so that it becomes a part of the U.S. policy towards Communist Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to participate in this campaign.

WESTERN SAHARA PRISONERS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, last week I spoke on Morocco's refusal to permit removal by the U.N. of millions of land mines in Western Sahara. Today, I rise on behalf of the POWs of both sides of the war between Morocco and the Western Sahara who were captured or

are missing as a result of the 20-year conflict.

I personally visited with 84 Moroccan POW's military personnel who have been freed by Western Sahara as a gesture of goodwill and whom the kingdom of Morocco will not permit to return to their country.

On my visit to the refugee camps, I met with an organization which tracks missing Sahrawis. 526 Sahrawis remain among the disappeared. They are either prisoners held by Morocco or are missing, all held incommunicado by Morocco.

In a country like Morocco, which is a friend of the United States, it is strange to hear reports of such clear violations to fundamental human rights as to not identify POWs and missing people.

I urge the Kingdom of Morocco to reconsider their policy and identify all those held incommunicado as well as accept back their own military which have been freed by Western Sahara.

ONLY ONE PARTY SERIOUS ABOUT EDUCATION REFORM

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, the truth is now known to the whole world. One party in this body is serious about education reform, and the other is not. On July 21 of this year, President Clinton vetoed Education Savings Account legislation that would have allowed parents to save more for their children's education.

We have here a classic case of special interest politics. The big donor special interests win while the children trapped in dangerous schools lose. What can we say to these children who are in terrible schools who the only thing they demand is to have the opportunity to pursue the American dream?

Many people are able to send their children to private school or live in areas with excellent schools. What are they going to say to these children who do not have the same chance? Maybe that is a question better directed to the administration and to others who failed to back real education reform.

TALK ABOUT EDUCATION REFORM IS NOTHING BUT TALK

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on July 21, President Clinton showed the entire world that all talk about education reform is nothing but talk. The President's veto of the Education Savings Account legislation that passed both Houses of Congress is clear evidence that one party is beholden to special interests who benefit from the status quo.

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Education failure is virtually in every city in America. The liberals accept that failure in our education system year after year after year. The rhetoric is fine and wonderful sounding, repair crumbling schools, spend more money, hire more teachers, but nothing seems to change.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans have a better idea. Republicans believe that accountability and competition in the marketplace produce excellence in the auto industry, in the computer industry, and in manufacturing of consumer goods. Why should education be any different?

If we believe in accountability and if we believe in excellence, not in words but in practice, then I would urge my colleagues to vote to override the President's veto and overcome the status quo by making education savings accounts the law of the land.

THE STATE OF ONTOLOGICAL RAMBLINGS

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the state of disbelief continues to grow in this town the longer Mike McCurry pretends to inform the public of any factual information regarding the investigation of Judge Starr.

His penchant for passing on ill-informed statements to pass as answers to the American people will now be known as "McCurryism," a new word I am coining today. This is a word which means to pretend shock at the suggestion of impropriety by a reporter's question and then answer that question with nothing but pure spin.

For instance, a McCurryism from January 21, 1998: "The President is outraged by these allegations. He has never had any improper relationship with this woman. He has made it clear from the beginning that he wants people to tell the truth on all matters."

Another McCurryism from yesterday: "I can only report what I can ontologically know."

Well, Mr. McCurry, no amount of metaphysical existentialism can pass as answer to the question: What exactly was the nature of the relationship with the President and one of his female interns?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DICKEY). The gentleman should avoid personal references to the President.

SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about Social Security.

Mr. Speaker, when I first came here 5½ years ago, we were not only borrowing a great deal from the Social Security Trust Fund, but we had an additional deficit spending that approached \$300 billion.

Now, this year, we are not only going to have a zero deficit under the traditional way that we calculated deficit spending, but this year, if we have just a little bit of luck, we are going to have a real balanced budget. That means that we may have balance not considering the \$80 billion that government is borrowing from the Social Security Trust Fund. This is one of the best years in the history of this country in terms of revenues exceeding expenditures. This year we might exceed \$80 billion in terms of the unified budget. That means a real, honest balanced budget without the Social Security surplus.

I think it is very important that in the future we start changing the way that we do business. We stop fooling people, we stop borrowing from the Social Security Trust Fund, and consider that revenue as a way to mask the deficit. A real balanced budget is when we reach balance, not including that amount borrowed from the trust fund. My bill HR 4033 does that and I invite my colleagues to co-sponsor.

REAL EDUCATION REFORM FOR AMERICANS

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, on July 21, the President vetoed a bill that would have helped millions of American families save for the education needs of their children. I would like to invite my colleagues on the other side to listen carefully, because this issue crystallizes beautifully the differences between the two parties.

I said that the bill that the President vetoed would have helped "millions of American families." We make no reference to the income of families because the bill would help all families save, rich or poor. The President and the Democrats, of course, on this and other issues, immediately turned the issue into a class warfare issue, and if a single family of wealth would benefit, brand the bill as a tax break for the wealthy.

The Democrats cannot, on principle, support a bill that will help families, families plain and simple, even if millions of middle class and poor families would benefit, because the idea that a wealthy family might also benefit is simply unacceptable. Children of middle class parents will be the losers and real education reform will continue to be nothing more than class warfare rhetoric.

SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were